

California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board
Open Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2011, Board Meeting

The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board convened an additional meeting in open session via conference call at the call of Anna Caballero, Secretary, State and Consumer Services Agency, on Thursday, June 21, 2011, at 11:07 a.m. Also participating via conference call was Board member Richard Chivaro, Chief Counsel, acting for and in the absence of John Chiang, Controller. Board member Michael Ramos was absent.

Board staff present at 400 R Street, Sacramento, California, included Julie Nauman, Executive Officer; Patty Harris, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; and Wayne Strumpfer, Chief Counsel. Tisha Heard, Board Liaison, recorded the meeting.

The meeting was opened to public comment. No public comment was provided.

Item 1. Applications for Discharge From Accountability for Collection

Jackie Tinetti, Manager, Government Claims Program, presented the applications for discharge from accountability for collection.

The Board may discharge a state agency from accountability for the collection of money owed to the state if the debt is uncollectible or the amount of the debt does not justify the cost of collection (Gov. Code, § 13940). The agency files the application for discharge with the Office of the State Controller, which audits the application and, if appropriate, recommends to the Board that the applicant be discharged from further accountability for collection and be authorized to close its books.

In order for the Controller to make such a recommendation, it must determine that the matters contained in the application are correct, no credit exists against which the debt can be offset, collection is improbable, the cost of recovery does not justify the collection, and, for items that exceed the monetary jurisdiction of the small claims court, the Office of the Attorney General has advised, in writing, that collection is not justified by the cost or is improbable (Gov. Code, §§ 13941 and 13942).

The State Controller's Office audited 126 applications from 17 state agencies and determined that the criteria for discharge have been met. For all items exceeding the monetary jurisdiction of the small claims court, the Office of the Attorney General has also advised, in writing, that either collection is not justified by the cost or is improbable.

The Board voted to allow the requests by the state agencies to discharge from accountability for collection debt totaling \$538,726,271.40.

Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.